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SUBJECT: APRIL 26 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. KOREA

HOUSE ARMED SERVICES SUBCMTE REPORT RELEASED 4/25 URGES
PRES CARTER SLOW SK TROOP PULLOUT. SUBCMTE OPINES
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF W/DRAWAL "HAS ALREADY CONTRIBUTED
TO INSTABILITY IN ASIA"/HAS DAMAGED US' COOPERATIVE
DEFENSE RELATIONSHIP W/SK. STUDY ALSO SAID NO AMT US
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REITERATION OF CONTINUING DEFENSE COMMITMENT COULD
OFFSET DAMAGE W/DRAWAL WOULD DO. REPORT CITED 'O
OBJECTION TO INITIAL 6,000-MAN W/DRAWAL, BUT STATED
FINAL PULLOUT SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT ONLY AS PART OF
FORMAL NK-SK PEACE SETTLEMENT (REUTER 4/25).

IN RELATED DEVELOPMENT, SUBMCTE CHRMN STRATTON (D-NY) TUES
SAID HE WOULD SPONSOR AMENDMENT TO DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION
BILL THAT WOULD PROHIBIT W/DRAWAL FINAL 26,000 TROOPS
UNTIL PEACE TREATY SIGNED. PROPOSED AMENDMENT WOULD

ALSO PREVENT W/DRAWAL ANY TROOPS UNTIL CONGRESS APPROVES
ARMS TRANSFER TO SK (AP'S ADAMS, PHINQ).

SPEAKING BEFORE GOVT-PARLIAMENTARY CONSULTATIVE GROUP

WEDS, FONMIN PARK TONG-JIN SAID TONGSUN PARK WOULD
RETURN WASHINGTON NEXT MONTH FOR 2ND ROUND TESTIMONY ON
KOREAN INFLUENCE-BUYING. PARK DUE ARRIVE AROUND MID-
MAY/WILL BEGIN W/PUBLIC TESTIMONY BEFORE SEN ETHICS
CMTE (REUTER SEOUL).

IN 4/25 INTERVIEW, ETHICS CMTE COUNSEL JAWORSKI SAID
PROBE HAS DEVELOPED EVIDENCE ON PERJURY INVOLVING 2-3
CONGRESSMEN. COUNSEL DECLINED NAME THOSE INVOLVED, BUT
STATED EVIDENCE INVOLVED MISREPRESENTATIONS BY REPS IN
DENYING DEALINGS W/TONGSUN PARK (LAT'S JACKSON, WP).

WESTERN DIPLO SOURCES SAY PILOT/NAVIGATOR OF DOWNED KAL
JET NOW IN LENINGRAD, WHERE FORMAL INQUIRY WILL TAKE
PLACE. SOURCES HAD NO DEFINITE INFO ON WHEN CREWMEN
WILL BE FREED (CSM).

IN FRONT-PG STORY, WP'S KLOSE (MOSCOW) CITES SOVIET
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SOURCES WHO SAY USSR FIGHTER PILOTS WERE SPECIFICALLY
ORDERED TO FIRE MISSILES AT KAL PLANE/BRING IT DOWN.
SOURCES SAID SOVIETS FEARED PLANE COULD BE INTELL
AIRCRAFT POSING AS AIRLINER/SEEKING INFO ABOUT MIL
INSTALLATIONS IN MURMANSK AREA.

FONMIN PARK SAYS HE EXPECTS DETAINED CREWMEN BE ALLOWED
LEAVE IN ABOUT WK, ADDING HE UNDERSTANDS MEN RECEIVING
GOOD TREATMENT FROM SOVIETS. FONMIN SAID STILL NO
CLEAR EXPLANATION WHY JET WANDERED OFF COURSE. IN
RELATED STORY, ROKG BANNED OLDER TYPES AIRCRAFT FROM
DOMESTIC/INTL SERVICES/ORDERED KAL TIGHTEN NAVIGATIONAL
SAFETY CONTROLS (REUTER SEOUL).

KAL HAS ANNOUNCED IT WILL BEGIN USING MORE MODERN AIRLINER
ON TRANS-POLAR ROUTE. AIRLINE TO USE DC-10S, EQUIPPED
W/COMPUTER SYSTEM TO KEEP IT ON COURSE (REUTER SEOUL,
4/25).

CSM'S WILLIS (MOSCOW) SAYS WESTERN EXPERTS DIVIDED OVER
WHETHER SOVIET FIGHTER SHOULD HAVE FIRED ON KOREAN
AIRCRAFT. SOME SAY SOVIET PILOTS COULD HAVE COUNTED
PEOPLE INSIDE JET/CHECKED TYPE OF RADAR IT CARRIED,
THEREBY REALIZING IT WASN'T MIL AIRCRAFT.

2. JAPAN

IN 4/25 INTERVIEW, FUKUDA SAID MEASURES PRES CARTER HAS PROMISED TO CURB INFLATION/REDUCE OIL IMPORTS ARE SUFFICIENT/NO MAJOR CHANGES NECESSARY TO STABILIZE DOLLAR. PM SAID HE WILL EXPRESS "STRONG HOPE" TO

CARTER THAT THERE CAN BE MORE STABILITY IN DOLLAR'S VALUE. PM ALSO CONFIDENT ABOUT REDUCING JAPAN'S TRADE SURPLUS/INDICATED HE WILL NOT INVOKE MANDATORY EXPORT CONTROLS (WP'S CHAPMAN, TOKYO). PM ALSO REAFFIRMED UNCLASSIFIED

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GOJ'S COMMITMENT TO 7 PCT GROWTH/WARNED THAT PROTECTIONISM IN US/ELSEWHERE COULD LEAD TO CHAOS IN WORLD (THARP, WSJ).

IN ITEM ON KOREAN JET FIRED UPON BY SOVIETS LAST THURS, REUTER (SEOUL 4/25) REPORTS FONMIN SONODA TOLD DIET 4/25 JAPAN MIGHT DEMAND COMPENSATION FROM USSR FOR KILLED/INJURED JAPANESE PASSENGERS ABOARD PLANE.

JOC'S LEV REPORTS MITSUI TRADING FIRM EXPANDING ITS US GRAIN INTERESTS. CO EXPECTS ITS ACQUISITION 8 GRAIN ELEVATORS BE COMPLETED LATE NEXT MONTH, WHICH FACILITIES WILL DOUBLE VOLUME MITSUI'S GRAIN TRANSACTIONS IN US.

3. JAPAN/CHINA

LONGWORTH (CHITRIB) REPORTS AGREEMENT LIMITING JAPANESE TV EXPORTS TO US WORKING AS EXPECTED, W/EXPORT VOLUME DOWN OVER 2 MILLION UNITS FROM 1976. HOWEVER, NOTES SLACK BEING TAKEN UP BY MEXICO/TAIWAN, WHICH HAVE INCREASED TV EXPORTS TO US SIGNIFICANTLY OVER PAST FEW MONTHS. FACT HAS MEANT THAT TOTAL NUMBER FINISHED SETS IMPORTED TO US ONLY SLIGHTLY BELOW LAST YR'S AVG IN JAN/FEB.

4. CHINA

REUTER'S MACKENZIE (PEKING) QUOTES INFORMED DIPLO SOURCES THAT PRC IS EXPECTED NAME ITS PRESENT AMB TO THAILAND, CHAI TSE-MIN, AS NEW PRCLO CHIEF IN WASHINGTON. REPORTS FONMINISTRY TOOK NOTE OF QUERY ABOUT CHAI'S EXPECTED APPOINTMENT BUT MADE NO COMMENT. MACKENZIE NOTES W DIPLO SOURCES DESCRIBED CHAI AS "VERY ACTIVE, FLEXIBLE AND PRETTY UNCLASSIFIED

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FORMIDABLE DIPLOMAT." SAYS PEKING OBSERVERS FEEL HIS EXPECTED APPOINTMENT/REPUTATION MIGHT HELP SPEED UP SINO-US NEGOTS FOR FULL NORMALIZATION OF DIPLO TIES. OBSERVES CARTER ADMIN APPEARS TO HAVE PLACED RELS W/CHINA BEHIND

SUCH INTL PROBLEMS AS PANAMA CANAL TREATY/MIDEAST/SALT,
AND SUCH DOMESTIC ISSUES AS ENERGY/ECON. FINDS NO
IMMEDIATE INDICATION WHEN CHAI MIGHT LEAVE FOR US.

PART OF USLO IS PREPARING MOVE INTO NEW QUARTERS--FORMER
ROMANIAN EMB. ROMANIANS MOVED INTO BRAND NEW EMB LATE
LAST YR, AND CHINESE WORKERS ARE CURRENTLY PREPARING FORMER
EMB BUILDING TO HOUSE AMERICANS (REUTER, CSM).

NCNA REPORTS 12-MEMBER PRC OCEANOGRAPHIC MISSION LEFT
PEKING TUES FOR US VISIT. SAID DEL, LED BY LO YU-JU,
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF STATE OCEANOGRAPHY BUREAU, WILL CONDUCT
OCEANOGRAPHIC INVESTIGATION TOUR IN AMERICA (REUTER HK
4/25).

TENG HSIAO-PING TOLD NATL CONF ON EDUCATION TUES THAT PRC'S
EDUCATION SYSTEM NEEDS FURTHER REFORMS TO PRODUCE LARGE
NUMBERS WORKING CLASS INTELLECTUALS/RAISE SCIENTIFIC AND
CULTURAL LEVELS (REUTER'S PRITCHELL, PEKING).

RADIO PEKING WILL BE RENAMED "INTL BROADCASTING STATION OF
PRC" ON MAY 1, "GUANGMING DAILY" ANNOUNCED WEDS--BUT
POINTED OUT STATION STILL WOULD IDENTIFY ITSELF AS "RADIO
PEKING" IN CALL SIGNS; SAID PEKING TV WOULD BE RENAMED
"CENTRAL TV STATION" ON SAME DAY. PAPER EXPLAINED CHANGES
WERE TO MEET NEEDS OF DEVELOPMENT OF CHINA'S BROADCASTING/
TV UNDERTAKINGS (REUTER, PEKING).

OFFICIAL ROC SOURCES REPORTED TUES THAT TAIWAN'S SECOND
"BUY AMERICAN" DEL WILL LEAVE JUNE 9 WITH AIM OF PURCHASING
US PRODUCTS. ADDED THAT 35-MEMBER DEL, LED BY DIRECTOR OF
FON TRADE BOARD, WILL TOUR 15 US STATES IN 6 WKS; IS
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PLANNING BUY 300 MIL DOLS WORTH OR INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT/
RAW MATERIALS/MACHINERY; ALSO 100 MIL DOLS WORTH OF FARM
PRODUCTS, INCLUDING SOYBEANS/WHEAT/BARLEY/CORN/COTTON
(UPI, JOC).

5. MONDALE TRIP

VP'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO 5 SEASIAN/PACIFIC COUNTRIES
WILL OPEN NEW CHAPTER IN US RELS W/REGION FOLLOWING END US
INVOLVEMENT IN INDOCHINA, ADMIN OFFICIALS SAID TUES.
MONDALE LEAVES SAT ON 12-DAY TRIP TO PHILS/THAILAND/INDO/
AUSTRALIA/NZ--COUNTRIES STILL TRYING DETERMINE WHAT US ROLE
THERE WILL BE IN POST-WAR PERIOD. ONE OFFICIAL SAID WIDE-
SPREAD QUESTIONS/CONCERNS ABOUT US COMMITMENT, WHILE UNDER-
STANDABLE, WERE NOT JUSTIFIED IN LIGHT OF ADMIN'S
COMMITMENT TO REMAIN DEEPLY INVOLVED. "THAT IS WHY" PRES
WANTS VP'S TRIP TO SYMBOLIZE "CONTINUITY AND COMMITMENT"
TO STABILITY/SECURITY OF REGION AS WELL AS REFLECT ON

CHANGES THAT HAVE OCCURRED IN REGION/IN US POLICY.

NEWER ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED ON TRIP WERE IDENTIFIED AS ENERGY/FOOD/NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE/DEVELOPMENT/HUMAN RTS. OFFICIALS ALSO SAID THEY EXPECT TROOP W/DRAWAL FROM SK BE DISCUSSED AT EVERY STOP. TALKS W/MARCOS, BEGINNING 5/2, EXPECTED FOCUS ON MIL PRESENCE IN PHILS/ALLEGED HUMAN RTS VIOLATIONS DURING RECENT ELECTION. VP WILL TALK TO THAIS ABOUT INDOCHINESE REFUGEES 5/4. TALKS W/ AUSSIES/ NZEALANDERS WILL FOCUS ON SOVIET-AMERICAN DIALOGUE ON INDIAN OCEAN/SOVIET INFLUENCE IN PACIFIC/PROLIFERATION NUMBER SMALL ISLAND STATES IN PACIFIC/US BEEF IMPORT QUOTAS (MAY, REUTER 4/25).

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HOUSE VOTED TUES 388-0 TO CONDEMN CAMBODIAN GOVT FOR ATROCITIES/KILLINGS/CONTINUING DISREGARD FOR BASIC HUMAN RTS. IN RESOLUTION THAT NOW GOES TO SENATE, HOUSE REQUESTED PRES CARTER CALL ON GOVTS W/DIPLO RELS W/CAMBODIA TO TRY INFLUENCE PP "RECTIFY THIS INHUMAN SITUATION" AND COOP W/OTHER NATIONS THRU UN TO END VIOLATIONS HUMAN RTS (REUTER 4/25).

7. INDONESIA

ACCORDING NYT'S KAMM (JAKARTA), INDOS ADMINISTERED PSY-CHOLOGICAL TESTS TO POL PRISONERS IN '76 BEFORE RELEASING 29,000 LAST YR/19,000 TO BE RELEASED BEFORE END '79. CHIEF INTERNAL SECURITY SUDOMO SAID ALL PRISONERS WERE TO BE FREED, REGARDLESS OF THEIR TEST SCORES, BUT THAT AN INADE-QUATE SCORE (SHOWING STRONG DEGREE COMMUNIST INCLINATION) WOULD SUBJECT PRISONER TO GREATER SUPERVISION AFTER RELEASE. SUDOMO SAID HE FE
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